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## No Decision Seen "for Months" On Creston Reclamation Plan

Decision by the International Land Miners Co. to appear before the Joint Commission on Creston Reclamation before the end of the year, heading the Provincial Commission to prevent a Government bill from being introduced, was agreed upon by the miners. The cultural land is not expected for litigation for permission to continue to use the land for mining purposes. George P. McInroy said on his return to Kootenay River and its east branch the reclamation of the land would damage the ground water.

Mr. McInroy was unfeared by the decision of the Government to appropriate his property.

boundary and Kootenay Lake near \$100 a year in land tax alone.

Attorney-General Gordon White, heading the Provincial Commission to prevent a Government bill from being introduced, said that the miners' leader J. C. Cunningham also agreed to bring in a proposal of the project in a form that would be acceptable to the miners. The miners' leader has been opposing the project on the grounds that it would damage the ground water.

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The commission, which has jurisdiction over international waterways, meets only when there are disputes. The commission dispersed, and will again meet later to consider the project on the grounds that it would damage the ground water.

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Government for approval, it is understood, the decision has been made on Victoria Island.

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